

HOUSE RESOLUTION 306

By Stanley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Charlie White and the Germantown High School Football Team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class 5A Championship at the 2003 Blue Cross Bowl.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to specially recognize those exceptional athletic teams who work hard, make the necessary sacrifices to win championships, and serve as a focal point for school spirit and as ambassadors to and for the community; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 Germantown High School Red Devils have unquestionably proven that they are one such exceptional team, after winning the prestigious Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class 5A State Championship; and

WHEREAS, despite a tough regular season schedule, the athletic prowess of the Germantown Red Devils prevailed and the team finished the season with a 14-1 overall record after going 9-1 during the regular season; and

WHEREAS, the Red Devils achieved their remarkable success by utilizing an extraordinary combination of a powerful offense, a smothering defense and explosive special teams to go along with their unquestionable heart, determination, and their desire to succeed; and

WHEREAS, under the outstanding leadership of Head Varsity Coach, Charlie White, and Assistant Varsity Coaches, Terry Austin, Bobby Armbruster, Skip Brewer, Tom Kliman, David Laramie, Andy White, and Anthony Flynn, the Red Devils exhibited the utmost skill as they defeated Bartlett, Millington, Bolton, and Franklin High Schools in the Class 5A Playoffs; and

WHEREAS, performing with superior athleticism in the Class 5A State Championship tilt, the Red Devils forged a 10-7 victory over Riverdale High School out of resolve, dedication, and the outstanding effort of every player; and

WHEREAS, this championship caliber team is made up of Seniors Mack Gipson, Brandon Patterson, Spencer Strickland, Carlos Dixon, Nicholas Hardy, Blake Reed, Jeremie Byrd, Lee Smith, Jake Kasser, Darrell Harris, Zach West, John Welsh, D.J. Leake, Allen Toney, Josh Wyatt, Islam Bahur, Michael Ross, Enrico Turner, Matt Davis, Rashaud Cole, and Matt McGhee; Juniors Noy Garrett, Ray Deveraux, Kelvin Young, Hayden King, Tristan Ramsey, Marico Pierce, Vinnie Zarzoli, Ramod Traylor, Quinton Taliaferro, Damien Burnett, Nick Metcalf, Spero Peters, C.J. Middleton, Terry Bowman, Terry Webster, Darius Hence, Joseph Burgan, Daniel Prate, Gordon Bowen, Khari Mays, Chris Peterson, Ryan Swindall, Blaine Pecanty, Gabriel Bell, Greg Gillum, Jeff Cottam, Andy Flansburg, Jeff Ingram, Watson Boyd, and Donovan Cole; and Sophomores Zach Berry, Austin Tutor, Devin Rossell, Mnason Matthews, Ron Brewer, Kevin Robinson, Ben Kliman, Brian Bates, Keith Ivy, George Barnes, Tykee Wilson, Josh Davis, Marcel Brown, Robert Jones, Raphael Onwu, Kyle Sheets, Adam Houpt, Justin Asquith, Robbie Witt, Jonathan Looney, and Chris Lane; and

WHEREAS, the Red Devils are highly appreciative of the support they received from Trainer, Sherry Morton, Equipment Manager, Tim Fox, Athletic Director, Ernest Bigham, and Touchdown Club President, Paul West; and

WHEREAS, the football players at Germantown High School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the gridiron while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the field; they inspired the school's student body and united their entire community during their remarkable 2003 championship season; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a championship football season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the Germantown Red Devils for winning the 2003 TSSAA Class 5A State Football Championship and serving as examples of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we join Principal Dr. Lonnie Harris, the administration, faculty, students, parents and community of Germantown High School in congratulating the Red Devil coaches and players on their remarkable championship season and wish them every future success, both on and off the gridiron.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.